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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the following references were cited in an International Search Report dated September 21, 2004: WO02/084002; US6258455; JP11146857; WO99/62393 and EP1212972. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references is required, pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

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An English abstract is provided for JP11146857.

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